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FROM: Karyn Prechtel-Altman
Deputy Library Director

SUBJECT: Public Services and Community Engagement Report – June, 2022

In early June I attended the *Urban Libraries Council 2022 Lessons from the Field: Library Partnerships in a Post-COVID World* mini-conference in Cleveland Ohio. Creative partnership ideas surfaced during discussions including Edmonton Public Library's partnership with local chefs to program their *Kitchen*, a 2100 sq. ft. teaching facility. The Nashville public library worked closely with local musicians to turn meeting rooms into acoustically appropriate (and free) rehearsal spaces. And the Baltimore County Public Library has partnered with their legal aid association to create a Mobile Law Center offering legal advice in areas of their County with fewer resources.

Intellectual Freedom and book challenges were also on everyone's minds, as was the question of whether the Masters in Library and Information Sciences is a barrier to hiring for public libraries. Many library systems have already removed this minimum qualification for both entry level and management positions.

Latinx Program Manager – Hassael Cazesuz

The month of June served to be a busy one with new and current projects. The newly implemented translation request process has kept me busy with branch and system wide projects to spot-check and review. The CDO team and I are pleased with the new process and it seems to be sustainable since its inception. Alongside translations, the program managers are part of the Pima County vendor procurement evaluations and the last couple of weeks have been invested in processing all requests. Lastly, the Nuestras Raíces affinity team met on June 17th and had a passionate discussion about a proposed Multilingual Pay Proposal produced by PCPL staff from the Staffing Taskforce. I am hopeful that with the comments and feedback I am collecting from this discussion, the Staffing Taskforce can continue with their efforts for a more equitable compensation for those using multiple languages as part of their work responsibilities.

Library Services Manager - Sharla Ronstadt

During this period, I continued to support the new Substitute Librarian Supervisor and had meetings with my assigned mentee as part of the PCPL Mentor/Mentee program. I continued to coordinate and host regional meetings with library managers to discuss staffing needs, schedules, and library hours. In addition, this month, I assisted branch libraries in identifying support based on last minute call outs, helped work at two locations and have been acting as

the Manager at the Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library in the absence of a manager. I facilitated the Public Service Manager meeting in the absence of a facilitator as well.

Library Services Manager - Amy Rusk

It was a pleasure to work at the Salazar-Ajo Library for a couple days in mid-June. I was reminded of the myriad services our library staff provide every day and how much the community utilizes what our libraries have to offer.

This month I visited the branches with which I work to check out the wonderful Oceans of Possibilities bulletin boards for Summer Learning and deliver frozen treats from PCPL's Traditions and Celebrations Committee. The managers and I talked about staff morale in light of all the stressors they are experiencing: inflation, recent mass shootings, continued Covid-related absences, and the unrelenting heat. The arrival of newly-hired library associates and librarian IIs has been a great boost for everyone.

Program Manager for Literacy and Connected Learning – Kendra Davey

In April of 2022, we added a new school/classroom visit request form to the library's website in order to ease the outreach process. We didn't expect too many requests since it was at the end of the school year but we have had several requests including requests for visits to Banner Diamond Children's Hospital for summer reading books and materials and a family event at the new Monica Restaurant downtown. We were also able to provide summer learning materials to the summer programs for Pima County Parks and Natural Resources.

Program Manager for Workforce and Economic Development – Ken Zambos

This month, Pima County Public Library's Career Online High School staff held six virtual interviews that have resulted in scholarship approvals, and there are a few more scheduled soon. Applicants are excited about applying for this program, expressing that they did not know the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma was still a possibility to them after reaching a certain age.

A couple new students have shared that family members, close friends or coworkers recommended this online program to them. One of our most recent students said she heard about this opportunity from her two sisters, who both graduated from PCPL's Career Online High School program in the recent past. The new student expressed her long time wish for a chance like this to come along in her life, not expecting that it would come decades after not finishing high school. She shared her gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to make a difference in her life, further her education and get a job where she can help others who are struggling.

District 1 – Supervisor Rex Scott

Dusenberry-River Library – Matías Torres

June at Dusenberry-River Library saw a multitude of impactful events. *Summer Reading* book giveaways and supplemental takeaway activities brought in a throng of kids, teens and families. *Dino Discovery; That's Extreme and Kidz Art* were three children's programs this month that filled our meeting room and expanded minds and brought together families. Our *Teenage Advisory Board* had a proper sendoff prior to most going to college next year. *Steampunk Jewelry* and a Book Discussion group were an eclectic offering open to all teens. Both of our *Cyber Security* programs filled to capacity and we have begun reintroducing much-requested one on one computer help. Our meeting rooms filled with a writing group, book group, knitting group and the girl scouts. We were joined in our efforts by teen volunteers to distribute *Summer Reading* material and teen summer interns on additional summer projects. The summer has had a wonderful start and with advent of indoor programming promises to continue.

Nanini Library – Caitlin Burns

Nanini is offering two storytimes now; one outdoors at nearby Richardson Park and the other in the large meeting room. Families with little ones who had never experienced storytime before have finally been able to create special memories at their neighborhood library. In early June, Nanini's first indoor storytime in 2+ years was at maximum room capacity with over 70 people including kids of all ages and their caretakers. The combination of Summer Learning programs, book giveaways and storytimes has Nanini Library full of energy just as it was pre-pandemic.

More activities include Nanini's weekly job help and tech assistance classes which are filling up, while the Pima County Health Department staff will be visiting for the second time to distribute COVID-19 self-test kits.

In honor of Pride month, Nanini had a constantly revolving book display full of LGBTQ+ materials for people of all ages, along with bookmarks representing each Pride flag. Staff noticed this provided a great opportunity for teens and young adults to browse, and it also encouraged families to talk and look at the display together before they picked out some bookmarks and display books.

Oro Valley Public Library – Kaitlyn Sparks

Great Literature of All Times met in person for the first time in over two years. The program has impressed participants for 20 years at Oro Valley! Half book club, half TED talk, Dr. Bill Fry aligns the monthly discussion on a variety of topical themes. The short story *Roman Fever* by Edith Wharton was this month's selection. Additionally, adult customers signed up for four different classes, learning subjects as varied as the Libby app, Microsoft Word, tech tips and tricks, and editing digital photos.

June kicked off the Summer Learning Program (SLP) educational events for kids and families, who attended a variety of programs, featuring magic, zoology, dinosaurs, gardening, astronomy, and self-defense. The SLP theme, Oceans of Possibilities is the theme for a special series of musical, family storytimes, which staff presented weekly this month and will continue into next month. Staff also organized a special Mermaid Storytime, where they cosplayed mermaids and presented ocean-themed stories and songs. The take-home craft activity was a mermaid/merman crown.

Finally, the art gallery featured works by award-winning illustrator and painter Dennis Wunsch, whose career began at Hanna-Barbera Cartoons, drawing for Scooby-Doo, Super Friends, etc. His choice of medium varies from traditional acrylic paint to watercolor and graphite.

District 2 – Supervisor Matt Heinz

Eckstrom-Columbus Library – Kelly Wilson

We had an amazing turn out for our first Summer Learning Program. Almost fifty people of all ages attended *Red Herring Puppets show*. This showed how much our public has missed the enrichment of library programming. Our *Reid Park Zoo Habitats* program exposed a large gathering to the creepier crawlies that we share our world with. The *Magic of Reading* program amazed participants with sleight of hand and the *Raising Nigerian dwarf goats* program wowed families and brought smiles to all ages of participants. Teens and Tweens have been showing up and engaging with our summer offerings. It is great to see neighborhood youth filling our space again. The *Bermuda Triangle escape room* program where teens and family members sleuthed their way through a puzzling encounter proved popular, and our button making kit, where everyone found unique ways to express their voices and perspectives through creative button making was a hit. Other popular programs this month were *#Worthy*, a vision board program that helped youth determine concrete steps to increasing self-care and wellness. We

are seeing our weekly Job Help continue to grow as the weeks pass. We finally got our beautiful, new furnishings, which our community quickly embraced and filled. Our food and snack programs continue to be greatly needed and appreciated, while our Summer Learning Trackers and books are flying off the shelves.

Quincie Douglas Library – Marissa Alcorta

June was the first month of offering storytime to the community here at the Quincie Douglas Library. Our Children's Librarian and Library Associate have done a wonderful job started up toddler storytime, after a three year hiatus. Storytime is weekly, Tuesdays at 10am. We have been getting a great turnout, averaging about 19 participants each time. It's been fun to reconnect with families and also promote the Summer Learning Program, giving away free books to any child that participates in any programming!

This month was also the beginning of Quincie Douglas handing out free pre-packaged lunches to youth, provided by TUSD. It's been steadily growing and we give out more and more food each day, with families coming by daily to pick up the meals. Food is always a much needed resource in the local community and we are thankful we can provide it.

This month was the kickoff of the Summer Learning Program and to celebrate we hosted the Children's Museum for a STEM storytime, Henna Tattoo (it washed off!) program for teens, two adult programs (bookbinding and jewelry making with beads), and also provided weekly Grab N' Go activities for families, such as a Squid craft, seashell animal craft, Pride bracelet, and Juneteenth-themed activity. All our programs have average about 25-30 participants! All the craft activities are a big hit with families in our community and fly off the table! In addition, we've given away hundreds of books to youth participating in SLP. Summer is off to a busy and fun start here at Quincie Douglas Library.

Sahuarita Library – Betsy Langley

We picked up some self-watering gardening containers from the Community Food Bank and placed them out on our small patios. We're attempting to grow peppers, tomatoes, tomatillos, herbs and flowers this season with seeds from the Seed Library. This month we're also hosting a presentation by Dr. Lynne Oland, former UA Research Professor and Founding Director of the Neuroscience & Cognitive Science, who will talk about the aging brain, including common cognitive issues, how the brain changes, and how to keep it functioning well. Our monthly book club kick-off went great! Participants read and discussed *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson. Families are enjoying our return to in-person Storytimes centered around the "Oceans of Possibilities" summer learning theme on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We are planning an Escape Room activity where kids can solve puzzles and riddles to escape from the Bermuda Triangle, and we're looking forward to some art programs at the end of the month. Finally, our Teen area is filled with a gorgeous sculpture and ceramic display by Walden Grove High School students.

Sam Lena-South Tucson Library – Lu Guerrero

The library's weekly computer use has increased in the last month. Staff has noticed a higher number of patrons seeking services related to job hunting. Library staff has kept the South Tucson area's Little Free Libraries well-stocked with community book donations for all ages and from all genres. The library also featured a colorful and fun, multi-genre, month-long Pride Books display. We are also hoping to add more Spanish language literature to these resources in the coming months. Staff is focused on packing and labeling seeds for the Seed Library's cool season collection. Staff have accepted the generous assistance of staff at other branch locations, as well as community partner groups, such as the Garden Kitchen.

Sam Lena-South Tucson Library continues to explore opportunities for community outreach and partnerships. Onsite, well-attended programming for youth included Desert Gardening with Kids,

presented by Nature to You and Play Capoeira presented by Pogo Arts, as well as several grab-n-go activities related to this year's summer programming theme: Oceans of Possibilities. Daily breakfast and lunch packs were distributed throughout the month, provided by TUSD through a system-wide community partnership.

Santa Rosa Library – Victoria Villanueva

Summer Learning has been off to a great start at Santa Rosa Library! We have had programming every week with appearances from Reid Park Zoo and Red Hearing Puppets. Both Programs have been extremely successful with the Puppet Show capping out at over 60 Participants. We would like to thank the Santa Rosa Recreation Center for working with us, as we could never imagine such a large turn out without their support and facilities. Santa Rosa Library has also been honored with displaying The Living River of Words Competition winners for this month. We are extremely proud to have the display up in the library as many of our community members not only entered but also were selected finalist. Because so many came from our lovely neighborhood members. Santa Rosa decided to celebrate the children's achievements with a celebration that brought in approximately 30 community members.

Staff, Volunteers and even patrons have been working on beautifying the library with ocean themed decorations from floating jellyfish, ocean themed windows, seaweed streams and much more in celebration of the Summer Learning theme *Oceans of Possibilities*.

District 3 – Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair

Caviglia-Arivaca Library – Jodi Ohlson

The staff of the Caviglia Arivaca Library have spent this month preparing for the beginning of Summer Learning and our return to in person programming. We have taken the theme of the summer, *Oceans of Possibilities*, and turned our front patio into a beach complete with a multitude of seagulls; and, 'sand castles' made by reusing boxes of all sizes and brown packing paper. For the Summer Learning adults, I have multiple copies of Hitchcock's 'The Birds' on the shelf as well as his other films, alongside biographies and memoirs of all those involved. A few adults have found my not too hidden phone booth and Tippi Hedron discreetly placed on the patio wall amongst all those friendly seagulls.

The *Book Group* enjoyed *American Dirt*, and it read as true to their real life discussions with migrants who have passed through this area. All agreed that it was a perfect example of how the immigration policies of our country need to change; and several disagreed (respectfully) about what those changes should be. We also had two other adult programs: *Copper Tooling* and *Growing Mushrooms in Southern Arizona*. Everyone was thrilled to be learning new things together, and are excited for the rest of the summer.

Our *Summer Learning opening event* included a *Chalk Art Contest* on the patio for all ages, our traditional *Friends of the Library Ice Cream Social*, pin the tooth on the shark, green screen pictures, a giant chess set, and many books put in the hands of readers of all ages. Our *Friends of the Library* continues their generous donation of one free book from the *Book Sale* shelves to any interested reader. One child said "It Looks like Magic!" and, several adults shared their appreciation for all the free books, fun and meaningful programs for adults and children, and the many 'To Go' kits we created over the past two years. It was a strong opening for the summer programs, and it was great to feel the appreciation of the community for the work we do.

Flowing Wells Library – Ingrid Trebisky

June has been an exciting month with the kickoff of the Summer Learning Program (SLP). The children's librarian made a life-sized great white (actually black) shark and taped it to the window with a sea turtle, swordfish, and other ocean creatures for the Oceans of Possibilities

SLP theme. Many reading trackers and books have been given away. Families were able to make their own coral reef, and a DIY ocean animal craft. The tween/teen librarian started a weekly Code Club this month, and has had good response. Some fun programs tweens and teens have done are rain poetry on the sidewalk and watching bad movies. Presented programs this month were the portable planetarium and Reid Park Zoo. All the programs including storytime have been well attended. Youth also made their own LGBTQ+ posters to hang in the teen area in celebration of June Pride Month. Breakfasts and lunches provided by Tucson Unified School District are given out to youth several hours every day the library is open.

Salazar-Ajo Library – Daniela Buchberger

Our Pride display has been getting a lot of attention and positive feedback. Community members are appreciative of seeing themselves represented and honored. Our patrons continue to find new ways in which the library can support them. The seed library is seeing a lot of attention and we are continuing to give out the Cracker Jack Marigold Seeds for One Seed Pima County.

The Library participated with Pima County in the Let's Talk Tech Community Forum to gather information about technology needs specific to the Ajo community. Ajo residents were able to share their needs and the librarian was able to help provide more information about current library services, such as free Wi-Fi and hot spots to check out, as well as directing customers to our one-on-one support services.

Our Summer Learning program has started with many children finding their forever books and picking up weekly grab and go activities. Our Teen space has gotten a new look thanks to our Summer Youth Interns and the area has drawn many more to spend some time relaxing and cooling off from the heat.

The Salazar-Ajo Library hosted the Pima County Health Department's talk on *Depression and Loneliness in Seniors*, the first of several presentations on health topics provided to the Ajo community by a public health nurse.

Wheeler Taft Abbott, Sr. Library – Sharla Ronstadt

Our summer learning program is off to a great start. The Free Book giveaway has been a success with the majority of books already claimed by very appreciative youth. We have hosted two presenter programs, which were at capacity. Feedback from participants was very positive. Several people mentioned how happy they are to get back to attending programs in-person at the library and are enjoying the weekly activities at the branch. We have two upcoming programs planned specifically for tweens and teens scheduled for June 17 and June 23 : Plant-based Tattoos and Jewelry Design: Bali Beads. Library staff at the service desk report positive responses as they spread the word.

To date, we have distributed over 700 reading trackers at the library and our outreach visits and through the Marana Food Bank. This month, library staff visited the Leman Academy of Excellence preschool classes to share information about this year's summer learning program, Oceans of Possibilities. It was perfect timing since they are studying sea creatures. Staff shared a few themed-related stories and gave the teachers packets of information about the summer learning program to distribute to 50 students and their families. Youth have enjoyed choosing a book to take home and keep. After one of the outreach visits, two siblings insisted that their parent bring them to the library to get their free book before going home.

Woods Memorial Library – Victoria Salajko

The Summer Learning Program kicked off on June 1 with 85 kids in attendance at the Woods Memorial Library, a great turnout! Kids and caregivers have enjoyed extra summer programming, the return of storytimes, and the free book giveaway. Some program highlights

from this month include visits from Kidz Art, Capoeira Mandinga Tucson, S.Y.STEM, and an indoor planetarium.

For World Ocean Day (June 8), we partnered with a paleontology and marine biology club from the University of Arizona to bring real fossils to touch and squid to dissect to the library. The kids loved it, naming some specimens Calamari Jane and Billy the Squid.

Adult Services programming at Woods this month, featured speaker Dr. Laura Tohe, Navajo Nation Poet Laureate, to present *From Chief to Code Talker: Four Profiles of the Navajo Code Talkers*. Woods Library has also welcomed several adult volunteers, who have been very helpful with the Summer Learning Program, and other daily library tasks.

The Youth Health Action Team met for the first time this month. During the meeting, youth learned about the power of journaling. Each of the 13 youth received a free blank journal which they personalized with library arts and crafts supplies. YA Librarian Matt, and Tween Librarian Heather, have been making connections with many community partners, who will support further programming in the fall, for this LSTA grant funded program.

District 4 – Supervisor Steve Christy

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station – Mary McKinney

June summer reading is a big deal at the Gibson-Esmond Station Library where the biggest crowds yet are visiting! Presenter-led programming including a music presentation and a puppet show were overwhelming hits. Choosing a book to keep and searching the I Spy board each week has been fun for the kids. The Community Food Bank's Summer Breakfast Program started at the same time, and has been well received.

A Guess-How-Many-Shells-Are-in-the-Jar contest brought in 305 guesses from kids from June 1 to June 14! The lowest guess was eight, and the highest guess was 1,130. The winner, with a spot-on guess of 43, was Megan, age 7. She was happy to take home an Ocean-themed Lego set as her prize.

Joyner-Green Valley Library – Sam Hennig

June began with a rush of young children and families coming into our library. We have handed out roughly 200 trackers and have given away almost all of our free books for the Summer Learning Program. Children's staff presented our first Summer Ocean themed story time and also brought in Mama Coals Kids' Country who danced and sang with children and parents. We also had Tucson Museum of Art come out and do a drawing program with 19 enthusiastic teens and tweens. Adult Services is continuing to ramp up and after our first successful Friday Music program, patrons are eager for even more programming to return.

Staff have also spent the last few weeks shifting our entire adult collection to ensure that our Adult Spanish collection has a more prominent space in our library that is easier for patrons to find. We have also shifted part of the Children's collection so that the Children's and Adult Spanish collection are closer together, so families can easily find books for adults and children in the same general locale. Also in the works, we will be creating new signage for patrons, and hope to create a new permanent display for Spanish materials as well.

Kirk-Bear Canyon Library – Linde Furman

Bear Canyon has been very busy with the beginning of the Summer Learning Program and continuing to welcome additional customers during Wilmot's closure. We have enjoyed meeting new community members, some of whom were visiting Bear Canyon for the first time.

Families have been visiting in large numbers for the return of storytime, which began on June 2 and is held weekly from 10:30-11:00 AM on Thursday mornings. Our first storytime was so popular that we were at our large meeting room's capacity of 85 people! We have since begun using a ticket system and our storytime capacity is set at 65 to maintain a high quality educational program. We couldn't be happier to see so many children coming to visit our library and it has been a big source of joy for our staff.

Some of the other programs we have had other than storytime so far this summer are an Afro-Brazilian music program, Mystical Creatures with Reid Park Zoo, Mini Dino and Fairy Gardens, and an adult art program, Experimental Art Storytelling, with Tucson Museum of Art. We have given away around 600 free books to children and young adults so far. We look forward with excitement to see how the rest of our summer goes!

Murphy-Wilmot Library – Kathy Konecny

The library was closed until July 5, 2022, for new carpet, furniture, and staff room renovations.

District 5 – Supervisor Adelita Grijalva

Frank De La Cruz-El Pueblo Library – Martha Diaz

Summer has started and also, in what seems a very long time, has the Summer Learning Program. The Frank de la Cruz El Pueblo Library has had a few families come in, not only to register the kids for their own library card, but to gather as much information on the Reading Program as they can. The kids are excited about checking out books and also being able to choose books that they can keep. Programs have been set up for the adults at the Senior Center, everyone is looking forward to that to start up as well.

Kenia and Jese, the library's fantastic Library Technical Associates have done an excellent job with shifting and rearranging the non-fiction and Spanish collection. This makes shelving and finding items a little bit easier and brings a smooth flow to the walk through the library.

We continue to have the same issues with the public restroom. Lately, we have had more patrons who voice their opinions about the policy, and not in a nice way. The fact that many people do not have an identification, which we are requiring to use for the use of the restrooms (or prefer not to show an identification, whatever the case is) has unfortunately caused the outside bio-hazard clean up rate to go up, since people have become accustomed to public urination on this small library's exterior walls. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be a solution that would be helpful to everyone.

Himmel Park Library – Heather Ross

Himmel's Summer Learning Program is off to a busy start! In the first two weeks of June, we have given out more than 250 trackers and lots of books, and we've begun to offer some programs, too. We've seen many new families coming to the library, some stating they haven't been in since before COVID started. It's so nice to have them back!

Our Pride Month display has been attracting positive attention this month. At one point, a family with multiple teens came in and spotted the display. They excitedly grabbed the booklet explaining the various flags and the identities that went with them and also picked out the various bookmarks that went with their identities. They were clearly ecstatic to see themselves and their family represented at the library.

Joel D. Valdez Main Library – Em DeMeester-Lane

Summer Learning has kicked off at Main Library! A presentation by the Reid Park Zoo was well attended, and our staff-led balloon-twisting program was very popular. A patron who came in

with her grandson couldn't believe she'd never visited the Main Library Children's room before. She loved what we had to offer to the community. We are thrilled to have more activity and movement in the Children's room again.

Teens and Tweens are also enjoying the summer schedule. The Knitting and Crocheting 101 program at Main in the 101 Space was a success! The teen and tween attendees were eager to learn how to crochet and knit with an in-person instructor (library staff). One attendee plans to keep learning how to knit and to eventually get good enough to make a scarf for a friend. The attendees of the Teen/Tween 3D Print and Model workshop were happy to learn about how 3D printers worked before exploring TinkerCAD as a 3D modeling software and printing designs that they either created themselves or found online. One attendee said it was the most fun he'd had all summer!

Take 10 is an adult programming project this summer at the Joel D Valdez Main Library. Every Thursday from noon-1:00 pm, we have tables set up in the lobby and staff share a hobby, craft, skill or just fun interest they have with the community. The idea is to take 10 minutes out of your day and relax and have fun. Some of the topics include jigsaw puzzles, learning how to juggle, origami and card making. A customer who participated in the Take 10 card making program expressed his gratitude that we offered something like that because it gave him a chance to be creative and feel productive within his daily life.

Martha Cooper Library – Tara Foxx-Lupo

Summer Learning is off to a great start this June at Martha Cooper library as we send lots of great giveaway books home with visiting kids and teens. To kick off the season, the library had a visit from some Nigerian Dwarf goats and a presentation on how to safely raise these animal friends here in the southwest. The program was a success and drew customers (and staff!) of all ages to participate.

Some of our summer program series will also resume this year, including our What's Up Wednesday program. This program engages kids with activities centered on STEM themes and is a great way to engage the brain and stay busy and cool during the hot afternoons here in Tucson.

Another program series staff are excited to revive is our Movies with Martha program, which has been on hiatus since the spring of 2020. The movie series will run for six weeks this summer and all films will have an ocean theme to tie in with the Summer Learning theme, *Oceans of Possibilities*. Popcorn will be provided while supplies last and we hope our customers will enjoy this free indoor entertainment option.

Richard Elías-Mission Library – Vicki Lázaro

Mission Library has had an amazing Summer Learning Program so far! We have given out over 695 children's books and 73 Tween and Young Adult Books. In our beautiful *Oceans of Possibilities* display, our under the sea panorama includes sea creatures with over 129 names on them that are our visiting children. We have created art with a local artist that reflects how we are feeling, we have met dragons and hedgehogs and snakes and have made beautiful jewelry and gifts as participants in our Children's programs. Adults have learned about healthful approaches to diet, learned about Nogales and the current immigration force coming through it and how it affects us all. We continue to offer Job Help and show people how to create new resumes and complete online job applications. Our Homework Help sessions are also still available for those needing help to stop the *summer melt*. Our displays this month celebrate Pride Month and Juneteenth creating reflective spaces for our diverse community.

With our Pima County Health Department partners we have been able to hand out hundreds of COVID self-tests to our visitors. In addition, we have connected with U Arizona nursing students to assist our community in accessing healthcare and food.

We have added new faces to our staff that include a Library Associate, Substitute Librarians, visiting Librarians from branches being remodeled, new Interns and new Young Adult Volunteers. This new energy is getting the Mission Branch excited for all of the possibilities of programming in the fall.

Southwest Library – Ray Baca

We have seen many new faces and have made many new library cards with the start of summer learning! Children have been eager to sign up for the Summer Learning Program and are always excited with the variety of free books they get to choose from and keep. So far we've given out over seventy five books! Earlier this month, we had our second program presenter, Red Herring Puppets, put on a fantastic puppet show! Twenty-four people attended the show and gave lots of positive feedback. Patrons are excited for dwarf goats to be brought in at our upcoming program. For Pride Month, library staff created a pride display that has gotten lots of compliments from patrons and has caused higher circulation of our LGBTQ+ material.

Our GED Prep Class has been a hit! We have had four different participants for the class with two of them attending almost daily. One of the participants happily exclaimed to library staff that he has passed two of his tests so far with the help of the library's GED class! For the month of June, the library has collaborated with Tucson Unified School District to provide free lunch for children Monday through Friday 1pm-2pm.

Activities funded by Friends Groups

Friends of the Joyner Green Valley and Sahuarita Libraries

Green Valley Library - Mama Coal Kids' Country, and Tucson Museum of Art: Drawing Studio

Friends of the Kirk – Bear Canyon Library

Bear Canyon Library – FKBCCL has generously funded a pilot Sensory Program for ages birth-5, for which supplies and equipment have been purchased. The plan is for this program to begin before the end of 2022.

Friends of the Pima County Public Library

Arivaca Library – Ice Cream Social, Free Book Giveaway

Columbus Library – Red Herring Puppets, Reid Park Zoo Habitats, The Magic of Reading, Raising Nigerian Dwarf Goats, #Worthy, Handmade Book Art

Himmel Library – Storytime Yoga; Musical Flow; Henna Tattoos

Main Library – Zoo to You: Mythical Creatures with the Reid Park Zoo, Tai Chi

Martha Cooper Library – Raising Nigerian Dwarf Goats, The Magic of Reading, Habitats presented by Reid Park Zoo, Dino Discovery, Hawaiian Hula Dance class, Movies with Martha

Oro Valley Public Library – Hands on Gardening for Kids, Self Defense and Bullying Prevention, Portable Planetarium, Magic in the Air Magic Show, Zoo to You with Reid Park Zoo

Quincie Douglas Library – Henna Tattoos, Bookbinding, Bead Jewelry-Making

Southwest Library - Red Herring Puppet Show, Reid Park Zoo Habitats

W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library – Mamma Coal & Kids Country (music), Red Herring Puppet Show, DIY Mini Gardens, Seed Saving, Watercolor Painting, Portable Planetarium

Wheeler-Taft Abbett Library – Plant-based Tattoos and Jewelry Design: Bali Beads; The Magic of Reading; Indoor Planetarium: Heroes & Villains in the Stars (2 events)